Doctoral Scholarships for Chinese Students
Université de Montréal (UdeM) and China Scholarship Council (CSC)
2022–2023

China Scholarship Council
The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is a non-profit institution with legal person status affiliated with the Ministry of Education. The objective of the CSC is to provide—in accordance with the law, statutes and relevant principles and policies of China—financial assistance to the Chinese citizens wishing to study abroad and to the foreign citizens wishing to study in China in order to develop the educational, scientific and technological, and cultural exchanges together and economic and trade cooperation between China and other countries.

Partner Universities
The Doctoral Scholarship Program is offered to excellent candidates who will undertake studies at the Université de Montréal (UdeM). UdeM has signed an agreement with the CSC and the following fourteen institutions:

- Beijing Normal University 北京师范大学
- Central China Normal University 华中师范大学
- China University of Political Sciences 中国政法大学
- Fudan University 复旦大学
- Nankai University 南开大学
- Peking University 北京大学
- Shandong University 山东大学
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University 上海交通大学
- Sichuan University 四川大学
- Tianjin University 天津大学
- Tongji University 同济大学
- Tsinghua University 清华大学
- Wuhan University 武汉大学
- Xiamen University 厦门大学

Students from these fourteen universities and other Chinese universities who have an agreement with the CSC are welcome to apply for scholarships.

Admission and Scholarship Requirements
- Be citizens or permanent residents of China and accept to return to China after obtaining their Ph.D. degree at the UdeM.
- Be registered in one of the fourteen universities named above or another Chinese University who has an agreement with the CSC.
- Have excellent marks in previous studies.
- Have received a degree deemed equivalent to the master’s from the UdeM.
- Present an outline for a research project: explaining the project as precisely as possible in order to verify if a research director is available as early as possible.
- Agree to be directed by a UdeM faculty member, who will guide their research and assist them in their choice of courses and work.
- Have a sufficient knowledge of the French language.\(^1\)
- Have sufficient knowledge of English and another language, if required by the program.

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1. Applicants whose native language is not French or whose previous studies were not completed in French may be required to take a test to assess their knowledge of French. Test results are not eliminatory, barring exceptions.
Duration of Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded by UdeM’s Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) and covers tuition fees (excluding registration fees, for example Admission fees or Student Association fees) during the 4-year Ph.D. studies at the Université de Montréal (six full-time schooling semesters and six semesters for thesis writing).

CSC will consider their application for a living allowance as prescribed by the Chinese Government (which includes Student Health Coverage), a return airfare to Canada by the most economical route, and visa application fees.

In order to benefit from this award, students:

- Are required to be registered as a full-time student without interruption.
- Should not receive any other scholarship covering their tuition fees.
- Must hold a valid student permit for the duration of the scholarship.

2. Students whose registration exceeds the semesters mentioned above will be responsible for the additional tuition fees incurred.
Procedures and Guidelines

1 Admission General Procedures

1.1 Complete the Application Form
Submit your application online.
Instructions in English are available in this guide.

1.2 Pay Admission Fees
Methods of payment: Visa or MasterCard
For more information about the admission fees, please visit the following page.

1.3 Upload the Required Documents
After completing your admission form, it is important to upload any document asked. The following documents are needed for a complete admission application:

- Birth certificate
- Official transcripts
- Additional documents to submit

Additional documents specific to each program may also be required. Make sure to consult the list of additional documents required for each program and include them with your application file if applicable.

1.4 Confirm Interest for the CSC Scholarship
After having submitted their admission application online, Chinese students must inform Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) of their interest for the CSC doctoral scholarship.

- Confirmation should be sent to GPS (esp-international@umontreal.ca).
- Applicants must indicate a valid email address on the application form. UdeM will send all official documents by email only.

1.5 Candidate Selection
The candidacies of those who receive an admission offer in a Ph.D. program at the UdeM will be evaluated and referred by their home university to the China Scholarship Council for a scholarship.

2 Deadlines
Admission and Scholarship Applications will be accepted for the fall semester only. The deadlines for the admission procedures for fall 2022 are as follows:

- Admission application: 15 January 2022
- Admission or refusal letter to the student: 11 March 2022
- Application to CSC for funding: 5 April 2022
- Selection of scholars by CSC: May 2022
3 Important Information

3.1 Quebec University 3-Level System and Semesters

Levels
- Undergraduate studies last three to four years and lead to a bachelor’s degree.
- Graduate studies last two to three years and most often lead to a master’s degree.
- Doctoral level studies require a minimum of three to five years and lead to a Ph.D.

Semesters
The university year is divided into three semesters:
- Fall: September to December
- Winter: January to April
- Summer: May to August

3.2 Duration of Studies
Most doctoral students register for all three semesters every year, including summer. The duration of a Ph.D. program is normally from four to five years.

For more information about your program: coursework, pre-doctoral exam, length of studies, etc., please contact your program or your research supervisor.

3.3 Selecting a Ph.D. Program
Université de Montréal offers more than 80 programs at the doctoral level. The current scholarship program is not restricted to any specific fields of study.

3.4 Official Language
The official language at the UdeM is French. However, at the time of their admission, graduate students may request approval to write their thesis in English.

Students may register in French language courses in order to improve their proficiency in French. The École de langues provides a dynamic education adapted to the students’ needs.

4 Student Services

4.1 Contact at UdeM
For any information regarding the CSC Doctoral Scholarship Program, please contact:

Coordonnatrice – International et stages postdoctoraux
Études supérieures et postdoctorales (ESP)
Université de Montréal
Email: esp-international@umontreal.ca

4.2 Bureau des étudiants internationaux — Foreign Student Office
The mandate of the Bureau des étudiants internationaux (BEI) is to help foreign students integrate into the Université de Montréal and Québec society. Its services are useful during the students’ initial arrival, and throughout their stay at the University. The BEI is the only place on campus where the staff’s attention is exclusively focused on the needs of foreign students.
4.3 ZUM Résidences — UdeM Dorms
By choosing the ZUM Résidences, you will experience the best of both worlds: an interesting, lively social life combined with a safe and comfortable home environment, tailored to student needs. Located on the edge of the stunning Mont-Royal, and at the very heart of campus life, the residences are surrounded by trees, far from the bustling urban center, and offer an exceptional quality of life. Located close to the University’s Athletic Complex (CEPSUM), the conveniently situated subway line and buses make downtown Montreal extremely accessible. The studios are furnished and high-speed Internet access is available. You can register online.

4.4 Logement hors campus — Off-Campus Housing
The Services aux étudiants (Student Services) update online listings of available apartments for rent, apartments to share and rooms for rent. Visit their website.

You can also go to the Logement hors campus’ offices where knowledgeable staff will answer any questions you may have regarding housing.

4.5 Services de santé — Health Services
Complete health-care services are available to you on campus: general and specialized medicine, HIV and STD prevention, vaccination and travel health as well as nursing care, nutrition advice, physical therapy, radiology and lab tests. All of these services are conveniently offered under one roof, at the health-care centre, located near the Édouard-Montpetit metro station.